

<p align="center"><b>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</b></p>	Application Number	<b>New Divisional Application</b>
	Filing Date	<b>Concurrently Herewith</b>
	First Named Inventor	<b>Galo F. ACOSTA et al.</b>
	Group Art Unit	<b>Unknown</b>
	Examiner Name	<b>Unknown</b>
	Attorney Docket Number	<b>2599-103-D1</b>
Title of the Invention: <b>ASSAY WORK STATION</b>		

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of this divisional application, kindly amend the application as follows.

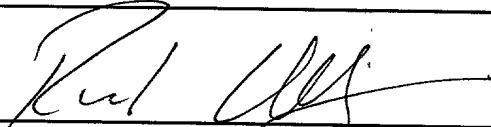
### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-33.

### REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are canceled. Independent claim 34 and dependent claims 35-37, which were restricted out of the parent application, remain pending.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

<b>RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,</b>					
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